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SUBJECT: JUNE 16 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. MURREY MARDER OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED JUNE 16 THAT NEW SALT AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET UNION "IS VIRTUALLY BEYOND REACH BEFORE CURRENT PACT RUNS OUT ON OCTOBER ., SOME ADMINISTRATION SOURCES ACKNOWLEDGED PRIVATELY YESTERDAY." MARDER QUOTED DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN JOHN TRATTNER AS SAY-ING VANCE AND GROMYKO WILL MEET TWICE "IN GENERAL TIME FRAME OF SEPTEMBER," AT U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN NEW YORK AND AT UNDISCLOSED SITE. TRATTNER SAID SALT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT BOTH MEETINGS, MARDER REPORTED. POST CORRESPONDENT SAID "IT IS STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR GROMYKO AND SECRETARY OF STATE TO MEET TWICE IN AUTUMN, ONCE AT U.N. AND ONCE IN WASHINGTON, SOMETIMES AT WHITE HOUSE. PRESIDENT CARTER, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN EMPHASIZING THAT THERE WILL BE 'AT LEAST' TWO VANCE-GROMYKO MEETINGS BEFORE ACCORD RUNS OUT AS EVIDENCE THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE MAKING PROGRESS
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IN GENEVA AND IN OTHER DISCUSSIONS.... ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WERE ANXIOUS LATE YESTERDAY TO DISPEL ANY IMPRESSION THAT ABSENCE OF VANCE-GROMYKO MEETING BEFORE SEPTEMBER MEANS THAT NEW OBSTACLES HAVE DEVELOPED IN SALT TALKS OR U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE, OR THAT ADMINISTRATION IS SLOWING DOWN ITS TIMETABLE. OFFICIALLY, THEY ALSO DECLINED TO CONCEDE THAT NEW SALT ACCORD IS RULED OUT

BEFORE OCT. 3. ONE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL SAID SEPTEMBER DATES NOW SET FOR VANCE-GROMYKO MEETINGS ARE SIMPLY RESULT OF PRESSURE ON VANCE'S SCHEDULE, WHICH INCLUDES 'TRIP IN JULY TO MIDDLE EAST' AND 'ANOTHER IN AUGUST TO CHINA.' BUT APART FROM SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN ANXIOUS TO AVOID BEING PORTRAYED AS 'RUSHING INTO NEW AGREEMENT' WITH SOVIET UNION BY OCT. 3 THAT WOULD EXPOSE IT TO POLITICAL ATTACK FOR UNDUE READINESS TO COMPROMISE IN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS. FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS ALONE, NUMEROUS SOURCES HAVE SAID, IT WOULD BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE AGREEMENT AFTER OCT. 3 RATHER THAN BEFORE. SOME SENIOR PLANNERS PRIVATELY DOUBT THAT NEW U.S.-SOVIET ACCORD WILL BE REACHED THIS YEAR."

2. FORMER SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD, ACCORDING TO BALTIMORE SUN IN DISPATCH FROM TOKYO, CONFIRMED THAT U.S. HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN SOUTH KOREA. MANSFIELD, NOW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, REFUSED TO SAY IF THESE WEAPONS WILL BE REMOVED DURING PLANNED WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. GROUND TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA.

3. WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTED FROM PARIS THAT IRAN SIGNED DEFINITIVE CONTRACT WITH THREE FRENCH CONCERNS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN TRANSACTION VALUED AT EQUIVALENT OF TWO BILLION DOLLARS.

4. ANDREW H. MALCOLM OF NEW YORK TIMES REPORTING FROM TOKYO SAID PLANNED INSPECTION TOUR BY AMERICAN NUCLEAR EXPERTS.

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PERTS TO JAPAN'S TOKAI-MURU NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT HAS ENCOUNTERED SNAG. VISIT WAS PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEK, BUT NOW FRENCH, WHO HELPED BUILD PLANT, HAVE PLACED SUCH SEVERE RESTRICTIONS ON ANY VISIT BY AMERICAN EXPERTS THAT STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING CANCELING OR AT LEAST POSTPONING TRIP, MALCOLM REPORTED. "MATTER THREATENS TO BECOME DIPLOMATIC ISSUE AS WELL WITH FRENCH, WHO ARE APPARENTLY SEEKING TO PROTECT THEIR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE," TIMES CORRESPONDENT SAID.

5. STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, IN EIGHTH YEARBOOK, SAID "INCREASING AMOUNT OF RESOURCES SPENT ON ARMS RACES IN WORLD TODAY, PARTICULARLY ON NUCLEAR ARMS RACE BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION, TOGETHER WITH UNCONTROLLED INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ARMS AND PROLIFERATING CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WILL PROBABLY MAKE NEXT DECADE EXCEEDINGLY DANGEROUS PERIOD." NEW YORK TIMES QUOTED INSTITUTE AS SAYING IMPROVED OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE STRATEGIC WEAPONS AND SIZEABLE NUCLEAR

ARSENALS "COULD WELL LEAD TO SITUATION IN WHICH
ADVENTUROUS POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS IN ONE (OR BOTH)
OF GREAT POWERS MAY PERCEIVE CHANCE OF WINNING STRATEGIC
NUCLEAR WAR.'

6. BALTIMORE SUN CORRESPONDENT CHARLES W. CORDDRY SAID
EITHER WAY PRESIDENT CARTER GOES ON B-1 BOMBER, "HE WILL
ALIENATE LARGE GROUPS AND SEEMINGLY FIND ;IMSELF WITH
CREDIBILITY PROBLEMS.' CORDDRY SAID "IT IS FAIR INFERENCE
FROM HIS PRESS CONFERENCE COMMENTS MONDAY THAT MR. CARTER
IS CONCERNED ABOUT RELATIONSHIP OF B-1 TO STRATEGIC
NUCLEAR BALANCE AND TO ARMS NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION,
ALSO THAT HE IS IMPRESSED WITH REPORTS ON ITS TECHNICAL
PERFORMANCE."

7. BALTIMORE SUN REPORTED FROM PARIS THAT SOVIET LEADER
BREZHNEV WAS QUOTED HERE AS SAYING SOVIET UNION IS READY
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TO ACCEPT "ANY PROPOSAL EFFECTIVELY LEADING TO ALT IN
ARMS RACE." BREZHNEV WAS QUOTED BY LE MONDE AS SAYING:
"WE CATEGORICALLY REFUSE TO OACK PROPOSALS TAT CONTAIN
ONLY WORDS ABOUT REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS AND IN FACT CON-
STITUTE NOTHING OUT ATTEMPTS TO DISRUPT OALANCE OF POWER
AND OOTAIN UNILATERAL MILITARY ADVANTAGES, THEREBY
THREATENING SECURITY OF OTHER COUNTRIES." CHRISTOPHER

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